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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: GR, CY, US  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FORMER PRIME MINISTER PANAYOTIS KANELLOPOULOS HAS WRITTEN PRIVATELY TO ME ASKING THAT I DO MY "UTMOST" TO "CONVEY TO PRESIDENT CARTER" A REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH HIM FROM THE PANCYPRIAN COMMITTEE OF PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF UNDECLARED PRISONERS AND MISSING PERSONS. THE COMMITTEE HAD WRITTEN TO MR. KANELLOPOULOS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE PANHELLENIC COMMITTEE OF RELATIVES OF MISSION PERSONS IN THE CYPRUS TRAGEDY, ASKING THAT HE ASSIST IT IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. IN HIS LETTER TO ME, MR. KANELLOPOULOS ENDORSES THIS REQUEST AND STATES: "SUCH AN INTERVENTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF

THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ONLY BE A RELIEF FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, BUT ALSO A GREAT REINFORCEMENT OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, IDEALS THT THE WHOLE WORLD IS EXPECTING TO SEE DEFENDED AGAIN BY YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR NEW PRESIDENT, WHO HAS CREATED SO MANY HOPES ALL OVER THE WORLD BY HIS UNRESERVED AND CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS IN DEFENSE  
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. COMMENT: KANELLOPOULOS IS, WITH CARAMANLIS, ONE OF THE TWO GRAND MEN ON THE GREEK NATIONAL STAGE. THE CLOSEST THING HERE TO AN ELDER STATESMAN, HE IS RESPECTED, TRUSTED AND ADMIRER ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND IS, ACCORDINGLY, A MAN OF SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE. AN HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE

GREEK EQUIVALENT OF THE PANCYPRIAN COMMITTEE, HE HAS INTERVENED WITH ME BEFORE IN ITS BEHALF AND THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PETITIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE IN THE PAST.

4. GIVEN KANELLOPOULOS' ROLE AND STATUS IN GREECE I FELT THAT I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FORWARD THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. FOR SIMILAR REASONS, AND STRICTLY FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF ATHENS, I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE GIVEN SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION. KANELLOPOULOS DID NOT MAKE THIS REQUEST LIGHTLY, NOR CAN WE AFFORD TO DEAL WITH IT ROUTINELY.

5. I AM AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT BILL CRAWFORD HAS HAD EXTENSIVE DEALINGS WITH THE CYPRIOT COMMITTEE AND THEREFORE MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS REQUEST.  
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